CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2022-0075

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 2001-140, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORTEGA OAKS L.P. AND

AMERICAN LAND PROPERTY, INC., GENERAL PARTNER,
AND MIELKE ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.
ORTEGA OAKS RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV)
PARK & CAMPGROUND
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

- 1. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 2001-140, Waste Discharge Requirements for Ortega Oaks L.P. and American Land Property, Inc., General Partner, and Mielke Enterprises, L.L.C., Ortega Oaks Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park & Campground, Riverside County (Order No. 2001-140), on July 18, 2001. Order No. 2001-140 established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The OWTS consists of two septic tanks and two leach fields. The OWTS collects wastewater from 70 RV spaces and a restroom. The RV dump station at the Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground stores wastewater in an underground storage tank that is pumped as needed and disposed offsite. The RV dump station does not discharge to the leach field. The Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground OWTS is located at 34040 Ortega Highway, Lake Elsinore, California.
- 2. The San Diego Water Board notified the County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health (County of Riverside) that the Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground OWTS is eligible for regulation under the authority of the County of Riverside's Local Agency Management Program for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (LAMP) on April 5, 2022.
- 3. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy), which allows local agencies to approve OWTS, based on a local ordinance, after approval of the LAMP by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The purpose of the LAMP is to allow the continued use of OWTS within the jurisdiction of local agencies, as well as to expand the local program to permit and regulate alternative OWTS while protecting water quality and public health. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region approved the County of Riverside LAMP on November 17, 2016.

- 4. The discharge from the Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground OWTS is eligible for oversight by the County of Riverside under the LAMP based on information provided in monitoring reports and information obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on December 16, 2021. As such, the discharge from the Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the County of Riverside LAMP than individual waste discharge requirements.
- 5. Adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0075 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. 2001-140 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. 2001-140 are now regulated under the County of Riverside LAMP. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0075 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects). Finally, activities at the Ortega Oaks RV Park & Campground, as allowed by the OWTS Policy, are covered under the County of Riverside LAMP, which was adopted in compliance with CEQA.
- 6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0075 in a public meeting on August 10, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 2001-140 is rescinded.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on August 10, 2022.

